

## Determination of Need - Community Health Initiative HIA Project (community survey)

The purpose of this survey is to obtain additional information about the process of developing and implementing Community Health Initiative (CHI) projects that resulted from an approved Determination of Need (DoN) project. The information from this survey will be used as part of the Health Impact Assessment MDPH is conducting. We are examining this process using CHI projects approved after FY 2009. The questions are purposefully close-ended. This survey is not meant to be a long-narrative report on activities but rather a concise method of assessing progress on several key points we are interested in. We do ask for examples of documentation that can be used to provide context to your responses. In many cases we likely have that documentation as part of the document request we made to you earlier this spring. If that is the case, please note the title of the document in your response so we can easily retrieve it. The survey is being sent to key stakeholders who have knowledge of the CHI process. In most cases this means both the responsible hospital based staff member and the chair or staff member of the community group responsible for making decisions about CHI investments. This survey is not anonymous but responses will remain confidential and used internally by MDPH or its representatives. Survey results will be reported using summary and descriptive statistics without names or identifiers. Please complete a separate survey for each CHI you have been involved with from FY09 to the present. The email you received with the survey link describes the different CHI projects you are responding to. For clarification the Determination of Need regulation (105 CMR 100.000) requires that applicants include plans for the provision of primary care and preventive services, known as Community Health Initiatives (CHIs). This is also and interchangeably referred to as Factor 9. Please note that in some cases, multiple CHNAs/community organizations received funding as part of an overall Community Health Initiative a hospital is required to support. For this survey, some questions ask you to respond to a question that concerns the overall Community Health Initiative and in some cases only for the portion of the Community Health Initiative that you (acting as a respondent for a CHNA/community group) were responsible for. Refer to the spreadsheet that accompanied the survey link for clarification. Thank you for your time and effort.

Q1 1. Your name and title

Q2 2. Please write in the DoN-CHI Number you are reporting on for this survey (refer to spreadsheet that came with the survey link)

Q3 3. Organization you are representing for the purposes of this survey

Q4 4. Please describe your role in that organization

Q5 5. Were you involved in the creation of the original condition for the CHI? Being involved in the creation of the original condition means you were part of the process that determined how funding for the overall Community Health Initiative would be distributed (e.g. to different CHNAs or other community groups).

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ No (2)

Q6 6. What was the original duration of the CHI?

- ☐ (1)
- ☐ 1-3 years (2)
- ☐ 4-5 years (3)
- ☐ 6+ years (4)

Q7 7. Are you track to complete the CHI in this timeframe?

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ No (2)

The next set of questions are meant to assess the process of selecting strategies, organizations and priorities for the CHI. Please note that in some cases, multiple CHNAs/community organizations received funding as part of an overall Community Health Initiative a hospital is required to support. In some cases you are responding to a question that concerns the overall Community Health Initiative and in some cases only for the portion of the Community Health Initiative that you (acting as a respondent for a CHNA/community group) were responsible for. Refer to the spreadsheet that accompanied the survey link for clarification.

Q8 8. Who decided where funding would go (e.g. to which CHNA) for the overall CHI?  
please check all that apply

- ☐ MDPH (7)
- ☐ Hospital (1)
- ☐ CHNA (2)
- ☐ Local health department (3)
- ☐ Other community partner organization (please describe the type(s) of organizations) (4)  
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- ☐ The decision was made in partnership with multiple organizations (please describe the type(s) of organizations) (5) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other (briefly explain) (6) \_\_\_\_\_

Q9 9. Who selected the organizations that received/are receiving funding through the portion of the CHI you are responsible for? please check all that apply

- ☐ MDPH (7)
- ☐ Hospital (1)
- ☐ CHNA (2)
- ☐ Local health department (3)
- ☐ Other community partner organization (please describe the type(s) of organizations) (4)  
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- ☐ The decision was made in partnership with multiple organizations (please describe the type(s) of organizations) (5) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other (briefly explain) (6) \_\_\_\_\_

Q10 10. Were community health assessments used to inform the selection of priorities and/or which organizations were funded through the portion of the CHI you are responsible for?

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ No (2)

If Yes Is Selected, Then Skip To 11. Whose community health assessment...If No Is Selected, Then Skip To The next set of questions are meant t...

Q11 11. Whose community health assessment was used? please check all that apply

☐ Hospital (please enter the year completed and which organization led the assessment) (1)

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☐ Community group (please enter the year completed and which organization led the assessment) (2) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Local health department (please enter the year completed and which organization led the assessment) (3) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ More than one health assessment was used (please describe) (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Q12 12. Has CHI funding been used to conduct a community health assessment?

☐ Yes (1)

☐ No (2)

The next set of questions are meant to assess your perspective on the current and future impact of the CHI

Q13 13. How would you characterize the type of change your goals and objectives were designed to impact (for the portion of the CHI you were responsible for implementing)?

please check all that apply

- ☐ Policy, systems and environmental changes (1)
- ☐ Behavioral changes (2)
- ☐ Services delivered (3)
- ☐ Other (briefly explain) (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Q14 14. Were your goals and objectives designed using the SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and time-based) method?

☐ Yes (Please provide an example (i.e. cut and paste the language of the objective) (1)

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☐ No (2)

Q15 15. As a recipient of CHI funds from a hospital how are you being held accountable for those funds? Briefly explain

Q16 16. Are evaluations being conducted on the portion of the CHI that you are responsible for?

☐ Yes (1)

☐ No (2)

If No Is Selected, Then Skip To Were specific goals and objectives de...

Q17 17. What information is being evaluated? please check all that apply

- ☐ Partnership development (1)
- ☐ Impact of trainings (2)
- ☐ Services delivered through CHI program funding (3)
- ☐ Institutional capacity (4)
- ☐ Health outcomes (5)
- ☐ Other (briefly describe) (6) \_\_\_\_\_

Q18 18. Were specific goals and objectives developed to impact health outcomes? Health outcomes refers to the effect the CHI process has had on the people targeted by it. These might include, for example, changes in their self-perceived health status or changes in the distribution of health determinants, or factors which are known to affect their health, well-being and quality of life (World Health Organization)

☐ Yes (1)

☐ No (2)

If No Is Selected, Then Skip To The next set of questions are meant t...

Q19 19. Has the CHI impacted health outcomes?

- ☐ Yes (How is this measured? Briefly describe) (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ No (2)
- ☐ No, but the CHI will eventually impact health outcomes (How is this measured? Briefly describe) (3) \_\_\_\_\_

The next set of questions are meant to understand how the CHI has aligned with the Determination of Need, Factor 9, Community Health Initiatives “Policies and Procedures” issued by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Q20 20. Is the CHI meeting the “Program Purpose and Principles” as outlined in the policies and procedures guidance? This document is titled: Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Determination of Need Factor 9, Community Health Initiatives, Policies and Procedures (Revised March 1, 2013) and can be found attached in the email you received with the survey link.

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ No (2)
- ☐ Somewhat (3)
- ☐ I've never seen the guidance before (4)

Q21 21. Which of the following issue priorities is your CHI addressing? please check all the apply

- ☐ Eliminating racial, ethnic and other health disparities and their social determinants (1)
- ☐ Preventing and managing chronic disease and promoting wellness in the home, workplace, school and community (2)
- ☐ Supporting the role of public health in implementing health care reform (3)
- ☐ Strengthening the state and local public health infrastructure (4)
- ☐ Eliminating youth violence (5)

Q22 22. Has the CHI increased the number of partnerships working together on shared goals?

- ☐ Yes (How is this measured? Briefly describe) (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ No (2)
- ☐ No, but the CHI will increase the number of partnerships working together on shared goals (How is this measured? Briefly describe) (3) \_\_\_\_\_

Q23 23. Has the CHI improved primary care and preventive health services for vulnerable populations?

- ☐ Yes (How is this measured? Briefly describe) (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ No (2)
- ☐ No, but the CHI will improve primary care and preventive health services for vulnerable populations (How is this measured? Briefly describe) (3) \_\_\_\_\_

The CDC defines the Social Determinants of Health as “The complex, integrated, and overlapping social structures and economic systems that are responsible for most health inequities. These social structures and economic systems include the social environment, physical environment, health services, and structural and societal factors. Social determinants of health are shaped by the distribution of money, power, and resources throughout local communities, nations, and the world”

Q24 24. Has the CHI had an impact on the social determinants of health?

- ☐ Yes (How is this measured? Briefly describe) (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ No (2)
- ☐ No, but the CHI will eventually have an impact on the social determinants of health (How is this measured? Briefly describe) (3) \_\_\_\_\_

Q25 25. Has the CHI led to a reduction in health disparities/promotion of health equity?

- ☐ Yes (How is this measured? Briefly describe) (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ No (2)
- ☐ No, but the CHI will eventually lead to a reduction in health disparities/promotion of health equity (How is this measured? Briefly describe) (3) \_\_\_\_\_



Q26 26. Would you define this CHI as successful (and if still in progress is it successful so far)?

We are interested in understanding how you define success.

- ☐ Yes (briefly describe why) (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ No (What are the barriers and challenges to success? Briefly describe) (2)

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Thank you very much for your time and effort with this survey.